

REMARKS

Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration and allowance of the subject application.

Claims 1-5, 7-22, 25-35, 37-39, and 41-46 are pending in this application.

Claims 26 and 41 are rewritten in independent form.

Claims 25 and 27-29 are amended to depend from Claim 26.

Claims 42-45 are amended to depend from Claim 41.

Claims 24 and 40 are cancelled.

Allowable Claims

Claims 1-5, 7-22, 30-35 and 37-39 were indicated as allowable.

Claim Objections

Claims 26 and 41 are rewritten in independent form to address the objections and are thus allowable.

Claims 25 and 27-29, as amended, depend either directly or indirectly from claim 26 and are allowable as depending from an allowable base claim. These claims are also allowable for their own recited features which, in combination with those recited in claim 26, are neither shown nor suggested in the references of record, either singly or in combination with one another.

Claims 42-46, as amended, depend either directly or indirectly from claim 41 and are allowable as depending from an allowable base claim. These claims are also allowable for their own recited features which, in combination with those recited in claim 41, are neither shown nor suggested in the references of record, either singly or in combination with one another.

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2 **Conclusion**

3 All pending claims 1-5, 7-22, 25-35, 37-39, and 41-46 are in condition for
4 allowance. Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration and prompt issuance of
5 the subject application. If any issues remain that prevent issuance of this
6 application, the Examiner is urged to contact the undersigned attorney before
7 issuing a subsequent Action.

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9 Respectfully Submitted,

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